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SUBJECT: SFM ARMS POLICY

FROM KONTOS TO THORNE

1. SINCE I VISITED THE SFM I HAVE GIVEN SOME THOUGHT TO OUR ARMS POLICY. WHILE I FIRMLY SUPPORT THE IDEA THAT OUR PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT BE DENIED A PRACTICAL SELF DEFENSE CAPABILITY, I HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF MAINTAINING ARMS IN THE WATCH STATIONS AND BY THE CONSTANT TRANSPORTING OF ARMS TO AND FROM WATCH STATIONS. I QUESTION WHETHER THE RISKS AND POOR IMAGE CREATED DO NOT OUTWEIGH THE LIMITED POTENTIAL BENEFITS.

2. NOW THAT THE SFM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR OVER A MONTH AND YOU HAVE HAD TIME TO TEST POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS, I WOULD APPRECIATE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR THOUGHTS AND THOSE OF THE WATCH STATION PERSONNEL ON THIS SUBJECT. SPECIFICALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE WEAPONS POLICY AND TO LET ME HAVE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO: A) WHETHER WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN

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ANY WEAPONS IN THE SFM AREA, B) WHETHER WE SHOULD HAVE  
WEAPONS IN THE WATCH STATIONS, C) WHETHER IT CONTINUES  
TO BE NECESSARY TO TRANSPORT WEAPONS ON A ROUTINE  
BASIS TO AND FROM WATCH STATIONS, AND D) IF WEAPONS  
ARE DEEMED NECESSARY, WHAT KIND SHOULD THEY BE. KISSINGER

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